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Package to Sugarcane Growers
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide a special package to sugarcane growers to give relief from indebtedness and enable them to adopt modern agricultural techniques;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the said package is likely to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) to (c): No, Madam. The Government has no such proposal to provide special package to sugarcane growers for relief from indebtedness. However, to enable the farmers to adopt modern agricultural techniques, under the National Food Security Mission − Commercial Crops (NFSM − CC), the Sugarcane Development Programme is being implemented for enhancing the production and productivity with effect from 2014-15. Under the programme, thrust has been given on transfer of technology through frontline demonstrations and training such as demonstration on inter-cropping and single bud chip technology with sugarcane, breeder seed production, production of tissue culture plantlets/seedlings and strengthening / establishment of bio-agent and tissue culture laboratories. Financial assistance is provided for these programmes which are implemented through various institutions such as Indian Council of Agriculture Research / State Agriculture Universities, Krishi Vigyan Kendra etc. The States have been given flexibility to promote Sugarcane Development Programme under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) .

Further, the Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM) has been introduced with effect from April, 2014 to promote farm mechanization in the country. SMAM provides financial assistance for various agricultural machinery for individual ownership upto 50% and also provide assistance for establishment of custom hiring centres upto 40% of the project cost.

Besides, the Department of Food & Public Distribution (DFPD) also promotes transfer of technology for carrying out various Cane Development activities including drip irrigation, rearing of nurseries, and incentives to cultivators to switch over to improved varieties of sugarcane for which loans are provided from Sugar Development Fund (SDF) at concessional rates to sugar factories.

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